

MICROPHONE NUMBER TWO: Hi. I'm Phil Christopherson. I'm the CEO of Energy Capital Economic Development in Gillette, Wyoming. I am basically working to improve the economy and improve business in Gillette and Campbell County. In your opening presentation, you talked about seven points that you're addressing to try and address the scope of this. As I was listening, I couldn't help but notice that you left out a couple that I think are really important. Number one, how are we going to use our natural resources to provide affordable energy to continue to provide our nation with the lifestyle, the technology that we have? That's where your focus should be, not on all these other peripheral things. The current coal moratorium that's on, the coal lease moratorium is purely a political move. It doesn't help anybody. It has not been reviewed because it brings a lot of attention to it. I think the review needs to continue, but the focus needs to shift to how are we going to continue to provide our citizens with the lifestyle that we enjoy? If you have a smart phone or a tablet or a car or a home and the home is heated in the winter and cool in the summer, you should be very thankful because a large majority of the citizens of this world do not have that. We have things like that because of affordable energy, and the focus needs to be how do we continue to provide that energy that's affordable to our people? The second point that needs to be addressed is how are we going to ensure that our people have good, well-paying jobs? We shouldn't artificially raise the minimum wage. We should provide good-paying jobs that allow people to go out and work and earn a good living. That's what coal jobs are. That's what mineral jobs are. That's what technology jobs are. That's where the focus of your scoping needs to be. How do we provide good affordable energy for our nation so we can continue to grow? And how do we continue to provide good jobs for our citizens? Thank you.